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STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF WAYNE
THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT - CRIMINAL DIVISION

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN,

vs.

Case No. 03-001609

MICHON D. HOUSTON,

Defendant.

SENTENCE

BEFORE THE HONORABLE VERA MASSEY JONES
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

Detroit, Michigan - Tuesday, April 22, 2003

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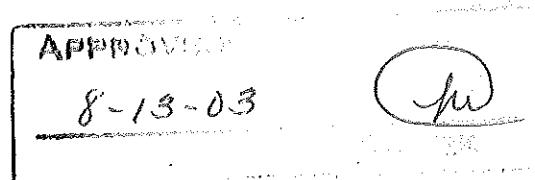
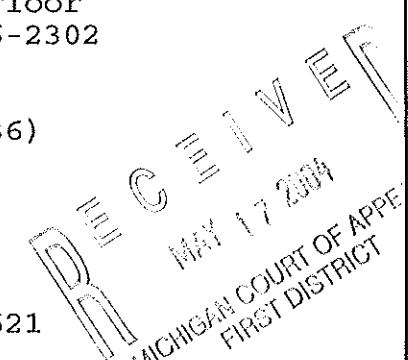


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1 Detroit, Michigan

2 Tuesday, April 22, 2003

3 At about 12:17 p.m.

4 (All parties present.)

9 MR. LANKFORD: Your Honor, David Lankford on
10 behalf of Mr. Houston on all three matters. I take it
11 the Court wanted to address the sentencing first?

12 THE COURT: Yes.

13 MR. LANKFORD: Your Honor, we've --

14 MS. McNICHOLS: Can I just put my name on the
15 record?

16 MR. LANKFORD: I'm sorry.

17 MS. McNICHOLS: Lisa McNichols on behalf of
18 the People.

19 MR. LANKFORD: My apologies.

20 Your Honor, we've reviewed the
21 Presentence Report. Obviously, on this type of verdict

23 THE COURT: Ah, tell me, are there any
24 corrections or additions to be made to the Presentence
25 Report?

1 MR. LANKFORD: No, ma'am, there are not.

2 THE COURT: Okay. Now go ahead.

3 MR. LANKFORD: Obviously, on this type of
4 verdict there's not a whole lot. There's no guideline
5 issues.

6 I guess what I need to do is, number
7 one, I wish that the verdict had come back different,
8 Mr. Houston, and I advise you to appeal.

9 Judge, for purposes of the sentencing, I
10 have to take the verdict. And I guess all I can really
11 say is that, you know, Mr. Houston, throughout the
12 course of my representation, he's always been an
13 excellent client. I mean, he's a bright, intelligent
14 young man. We've discussed things very objectively,
15 very straight-forwardly. His understanding was
16 excellent.

17 You know, increasingly, I think in these
18 matters that we've just got a lot of people who are
19 potentially wasting their lives. They are causing
20 their lives to get wasted.

21 I think that's probably pretty much it.

22 THE COURT: This was a first degree murder
23 conviction. Anything from the People?

24 MS. McNICHOLS: No, your Honor.

25 THE COURT: Anything Mr. Houston would like

1 to say?

2 DEFENDANT HOUSTON: Verbal notice of an
3 appeal.

4 MR. LANKFORD: Right there.

5 THE COURT: Oh, of course, we're going to
6 give it to you.

7 MR. LANKFORD: They're going to hand you that
8 form in just a moment, sir.

9 THE COURT: Anything else?

10 DEFENDANT HOUSTON: No, that's it.

11 THE COURT: I can't hear you.

12 DEFENDANT HOUSTON: No, that's basically it.

13 THE COURT: Okay. And I might tell you, the
14 only thing the appeal will take care of is any legal
15 questions. Factual matters that the jury decided will
16 not be changed by an appeal.

17 DEFENDANT HOUSTON: Right.

18 THE COURT: On the first degree murder, I
19 sentence the defendant to natural life in prison.

20 On the possession of a firearm by a
21 felon, I sentence the defendant to serve one and a half
22 to five years.

23 On the felony firearm, I sentence him to
24 the mandatory two years. He'll have to do the time on
25 that before he can do any time on the underlying

1 offenses.

2 The underlying offenses, that is, the
3 murder first degree and the possession of a firearm by
4 a felon can be served together.

5 Now, you may file an Application for
6 Leave to appeal your conviction and sentence to a
7 higher court. If you're without funds to hire a
8 lawyer, you may request this Court to appoint an
9 attorney, and request that the Court furnish that
10 attorney with the portions of transcript and records
11 the attorney needs.

12 The request for the appointment of an
13 attorney must be made in writing and sent directly to
14 the Court at the address noted above within 42 days.

15 The financial schedule on the back of
16 this form must be completed.

17 MR. LANKFORD: Thank you, your Honor.

18 Acknowledge receipt.

19 THE COURT: Okay. Now, the final conference
20 in this matter, we're going to adjourn it over. Maybe
21 the People may decide that they want to dismiss these.
22 I don't know. So let's put it over to May 2nd. Okay?

23 MR. LANKFORD: Judge, I'm personally out of
24 town on the 2nd.

25 THE COURT: The 9th.

1 MR. LANKFORD: The 9th? Okay.

2 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you.

3 (At about 12:20 p.m., proceedings concluded.)

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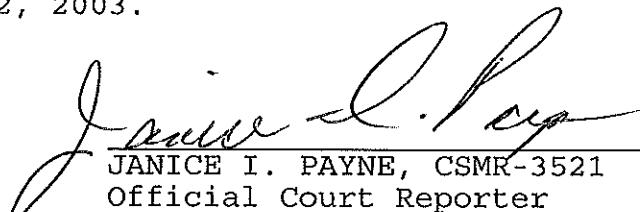
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